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**AMENDMENT**

Application #	09/616,962
Confirmation #	6512
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First Inventor	CARTER
Art Unit	1634
Examiner	Sisson, Bradley L.
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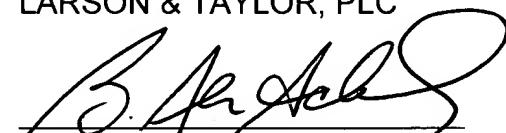
In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

**Remarks to this Amendment** are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

It is submitted that the case has now been placed in condition for allowance for the reasons as stated in the attached remarks, and thus allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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